



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

The contractor will not be working on Sandlake Road or Galloway Road on Monday, January 19, 2004 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

We received our in-stream work permit extension last week. On Tuesday of this week, the contractor will begin construction of the gabion basket retaining walls along the south shoulder of Sandlake Road between MP 1.8 and MP 2.2. To facilitate the traveling public through this construction area, the contractor will be temporarily widening the north side of the road between MP 1.8 and MP 2.2. During construction hours while the contractor is working on the walls, flaggers and a pilot car will still be used to control and direct traffic through the work zone. During non-construction hours, the road widening will provide for two lanes of travel past the work area with no interruptions.

Last week, the contractor installed a large majority of the 4' x 8' pre-cast concrete box culvert near MP 1.5 on Sandlake Road. This new box culvert will channel the existing tributary of West Beaver Creek across Sandlake Road to a new stream channel that has yet to be constructed. The existing culverts and open channel on the south side of Sandlake Road will be removed and filled in. The box culvert and new channel will provide for fish passage and be lined with a streambed material to provide a more natural setting. This culvert and channel construction will be finished later this year.

Comments from the Project Engineer:

In previous newsletters, it has been mentioned that some of the construction activities on the job, such as the gabion basket retaining walls, are dependent upon environmental constraints and permit extensions. Thanks to the assistance of Karen Nelson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we were granted an in-stream permit extension for the area between MP 1.8 and MP 2.2 on Sandlake Road. This permit extension will extend our in-stream work window for the gabion basket retaining walls until March 31, 2004.